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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE PROPOSAL BY JAPANESE RESEARCHER GROUP

1. JAPANESE RESEARCH GROUP COMPRISED OF TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC SPECIALISTS SUGGESTS THAT JAPAN TAKE FOLLOWING POSITION ON US-JAPAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS:

A. R&D ON PLUTONIUM AS FBR FUEL APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE SINCE PLUTONIUM UTILIZATION IS ESSENTIAL TO JAPAN FROM LONG-RANGE ENERGY VIEWPOINT.

B. COMMERCIAL RECYCLING OF PLUTONIUM IN LWRS IS LIKELY TO PROVOKE STRONG US OBJECTION AND SHOULD BE ABANDONED IF SUCH ACTION WILL ASSIST NEGOTIATIONS TO PROCEED MORE SMOOTHLY.

C. CLARIFICATION OF JAPANESE POLICY ON PLUTONIUM UTILIZATION IS ESSENTIAL TO SETTLEMENT OF US-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS.

2. GROUP IS HEADED BY SEIICHI TOHATA, EXPERT IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. RYUKICHI IMAI PARTICIPATED
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IN PREPARATION OF THE PAPER. ALTHOUGH PAPER DOES NOT EXPLICITLY PROPOSE THAT JAPANESE ABANDON PU RECYCLE IN LWRS IT IS BEING TAKEN AS RECOMMENDING SOFTENED POSITION OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON RECYCLE. REPORT DID NOT COMMENT ON SELECTION OF TOKAI-MURA REPOROCESING PLANT ALTERNATE FAVORED.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE THIS POSITION (ABANDONING
PU RECYCLE IN LWRS) APPEARS TO BE FAR FROM THE MAJORITY
VIEW AND IS CERTAINLY NOT A POPULAR EXPRESSION AT THIS
TIME, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT CERTAIN AUTHORITATIVE
AND INFLUENTIAL INDIVIDUALS ARE CONVINCED THAT IT IS NOT
OF SUFFICIENT SIGNIFICANCE TO INSIST UPON AT ALL
COSTS. THERE DOES APPEAR TO BE NEAR UNANIMITY OF OPINION,
HOWEVER, THAT THE BREEDER PROGRAM MUST PROCEED AS SCHEDULED.
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